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## Identical letters dated 5 May 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Israel, the occupying Power, continues to commit serious violations and grave breaches of international law and international humanitarian law, in particular the Fourth Geneva Convention, as it continues to carry out its brutal military campaign throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. The death toll, the injuries and the destruction of homes, properties, infrastructure and lands are tragically mounting as the Israeli occupying forces continue to commit systematic human rights violations against the Palestinian people under occupation. In this connection, over the past month, Israeli occupying forces have killed at least 37 Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including 6 children, as a result of Israeli military attacks, including extrajudicial executions. Moreover, more than 182 Palestinians, and 5 international peace activists, were also injured, many severely.

The most recent Israeli crime occurred today when Israeli occupying forces killed five Palestinians in an air strike in Gaza. Four of the five Palestinians killed belonged to the same family. Also today, Israeli occupying forces, backed by more than 30 Israeli tanks and 3 bulldozers, raided the Balata refugee camp in the West Bank city of Nablus, killing at least one Palestinian and injuring many others. In another incident in Nablus, Israeli occupying forces opened fire on a Palestinian taxi driver at one of the hundreds of checkpoints erected throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The Palestinian taxi driver was hit in the chest and later died of his wounds. Earlier this week, Israeli occupying forces also killed a Palestinian woman inside her own home in the West Bank town of Tulkarem. Her two daughters were present when Israeli occupying forces opened fire, witnessing their mother being shot in the head. One of the daughters was shot in the leg. These are only a few of the tragic events that have occurred in the Occupied Palestinian Territory since our last letter was sent to you on 10 April 2006.

Furthermore, Israel, the occupying Power, has continued its siege on the Gaza Strip, keeping border crossings nearly closed, preventing basic foods from reaching

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the civilian population and medicine from reaching the sick, and barring their freedom of movement to and from the West Bank. The World Health Organization warned of a "rapid decline" and "possible collapse" of the public health system in the West Bank and Gaza Strip if the crisis continues. In addition, today the UNRWA Director of Operations in Gaza, John Ging, said that a humanitarian crisis in Gaza is on "our doorstep". In this regard, the international community must ensure that basic food and medicine reach the Palestinian civilian population in Gaza to avert the impending humanitarian catastrophe.

I wish to direct your attention to the speech made yesterday by the Prime Minister of Israel during the approval of the new Israeli Government. In his speech, Prime Minister Olmert reiterated his determination to unilaterally set Israel's final borders without negotiations. Mr. Olmert told the Israeli Parliament that he intended to unilaterally hold on to large illegal settlement blocks as part of his so-called "consolidation" plan. Rather than adhering to international law and cooperating with international efforts to resolve the conflict, including through implementation of the road map, the occupying Power has exerted every effort to defy the law, undermine the peace process and divert the course towards its own unilateral plans to serve its own illegitimate interests. The Palestinian side continues to adamantly reject any and all unilateral actions in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and continues to call for immediate negotiations between the two parties to move the peace process forward. Accordingly, such dangerous unilateral policies, positions and intentions must be rejected by the international community, including by the Quartet in its upcoming meeting on 9 May 2006, if a genuine peace between both sides is ever to be realized.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 239 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 10 April 2006 (A/ES-10/329-S/2006/226) constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since our last letter to you, at least 23 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,844. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

**Annex to the identical letters dated 5 May 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

## Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*

## (Monday, 10 April to Friday, 5 May 2006)

**Monday, 10 April 2006**

Hadil Mohamed Gaban (9 years old)

**Tuesday, 11 April 2006**

Amer Maher Chawahnah

**Wednesday, 12 April 2006**

1. Mohamed Adnan Al-Amoudi
2. Ibrahim Masoud

**Saturday, 15 April 2006**

Ayada Abdallah Abu Jarida

**Monday, 17 April 2006**

1. Mamdouh Obeid
2. Sami Salim Mohmed

**Sunday, 23 April 2006**

1. Ahmed Ali Moslih
2. Daniel Abu Hamah

**Monday, 24 April 2006**

Abdelwahab Samir Abu Ariban

**Wednesday, 26 April 2006**

1. Amer Awni Hawchiah
2. Rafida Thanir Bader (3 years old)
3. Soulayman Mohamed Darayjah

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,844.

**Thursday, 27 April 2006**

Wael Nassar (Aqraa)

**Monday, 1 May 2006**

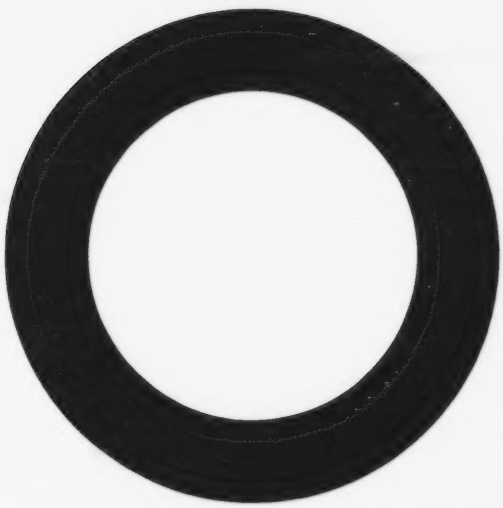
Atef Youssef Zalat

**Tuesday, 2 May 2006**

1. Thamer Al-Macheharawi
2. Khaled Said Sanouna

**Friday, 5 May 2006**

1. Mohamed Al-Qoteb
2. Jomaa Daghmach
3. Mahmoud Daghmach
4. Hamada Daghmach
5. Saeb Daghmach
6. Mohamed Abu Waked



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## Identical letters dated 15 May 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

In grave breach of international law, including international humanitarian law, Israel, the occupying Power, continues to use excessive and indiscriminate force and to launch military attacks against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Today, Israeli occupying forces have intensified their deadly military attacks and carried out yet another raid into the villages of Qabatiya and Jenin in the West Bank, killing at least six Palestinians. At the same time, more than 16 Palestinians were injured, including seven children and a journalist. This latest Israeli crime was committed as the Palestinian people solemnly commemorated the fifty-eighth anniversary of Al-Nakba — the day the Palestinian people were uprooted from their homeland in 1948 amidst massacres, destruction and the devastation of war.

In the larger of the two raids, Israeli occupying forces stormed into the village of Qabatiya in the northern West Bank and surrounded a house where Elias Ashkar was seeking shelter. After a barrage of gunfire, an Israeli bulldozer flattened the house, killing him instantly. In the same military attack, at least five others were killed and many were injured. Also, in the neighbouring town of Jenin, Israeli occupying forces fatally shot a Palestinian security official.

The international community must take action to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease its military attacks and to scrupulously abide by international law, particularly the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Lack of firm action by the international community will only allow Israel to carry on with impunity its illegal policies and practices against the Palestinian civilian population, leading to even more death, injury and loss for the Palestinian people.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 240 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-

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S/2000/921) to 5 May 2006 (A/ES-10/330-S/2006/279), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since our last letter to you, at least six more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to **3,850**. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

## Annex to the identical letters dated 15 May 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

## Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*

**(Monday, 14 May 2006)**

**Monday, 14 May 2006**

1. Elias Ashkar
2. Jihad Kameel
3. Mujahid Hanaysheh
4. Thair Hanaysheh
5. Ali Jabareen
6. Mutasem Ja'ar

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,850.

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## Identical letters dated 22 May 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Israel, the occupying Power, continues to commit acts of the State terrorism and systematic human rights violations against the Palestinian people under its occupation. In waging this vicious military campaign, the Israeli occupying forces continue to kill and wound civilians, destroy properties and impose and inflict collective punishments on the Palestinian people on a daily basis. In the past couple of days alone, Israeli occupying forces killed five Palestinians, including three women and a 4-year-old child.

The latest Israeli crime occurred yesterday, Sunday, 21 May 2006 in the Balata refugee camp in the West Bank. Israeli occupying forces shot and killed a 48-year-old Palestinian woman as she left her home to see what route her husband should take to avoid the occupying forces. Moreover, the day before, Israeli occupying forces committed yet another extrajudicial execution, killing Mohammed Sha'aban Al-Dahdouh. Two missiles were fired by an Israeli warplane, hitting the vehicle in which Al-Dahdouh was travelling. The attack also killed three innocent bystanders — a baby, his mother and his grandmother — who were near the vehicle at the time. In addition, another woman and a child were wounded.

The continuation of aggression committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people should be vigorously condemned by the international community. The current situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, can only continue to deteriorate as long as Israel, the occupying Power, continues to believe that it can act against the Palestinian people under its occupation with impunity. In this regard, we urge the international community to take the necessary measures to compel Israel to halt its military campaign and abide by international law and international humanitarian law, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 241 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since

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28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 15 May 2006 (A/ES-10/331-S/2006/297), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since our last letter to you, at least eight more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces (including four more not included in our last letter), raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,862. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

## Annex to the identical letters dated 22 May 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

## Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*

**(Saturday, 6 May, to Sunday, 21 May 2006)**

**Saturday, 6 May 2006**

Moussa Saleem Al-Sawarkeh

**Sunday, 7 May 2006**

Hussein Al-Shaf'ei

**Friday, 12 May 2006**

1. Omar Rasheed Abu Kamel
2. Ra'ed Tobaileh

**Wednesday, 17 May 2006**

1. Othman Sadaqa
2. Mustafa Hussein Abdel-Ghani
3. Mosharrif Tawfiq Al-Mubaslat

**Saturday, 20 May 2006**

1. Mohamed Shaaban Al-Dahdouh
2. Naima Mohamed Amn
3. Hanan Mohamed Amn
4. Mohamed Amn (5 years old)

**Sunday, 21 May 2006**

Aisha Faris Abu Musallam

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,862.

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## Identical letters dated 25 May 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

The Palestinian civilian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory continues to be subjected to raids, arrests, lethal violence and military attacks committed by Israel, the occupying Power. This relentless series of attacks and raids, in addition to the continuous grave violations of all norms and rules of international law and of human rights by the occupying Power, is exacerbating already high tensions, undermining the more than 15-month-old Palestinian ceasefire, and seriously threatening to refuel the cycle of violence.

Yesterday, 24 May 2006, the Israeli occupying forces raided the city of Ramallah to provide reinforcements for an undercover unit of soldiers that had been operating in the city, reportedly to carry out the arrest of alleged militants. The Israeli raid occurred in the middle of the afternoon at a time when schools in Ramallah were releasing students, endangering the lives of children. The occupying forces, using armoured vehicles and jeeps under the cover of at least two helicopter gunships, fired tear gas, rubber-coated bullets and live ammunition against Palestinian civilians who began rioting against and throwing stones at the soldiers at Manara Square in the centre of the city. In the clashes that ensued, the occupying forces shot and killed four Palestinian men and injured more than 35 other Palestinians, including several children. The killed and wounded were rushed to Ramallah hospitals, which have already been suffering critical shortages of even the most basic supplies and medicines owing to the financial siege that has been imposed in recent months on the Palestinian people and their leadership, and they struggled to treat the casualties.

Moreover, this most recent Israeli raid and attack in a Palestinian city occurred on the eve of the launch of a Palestinian national dialogue, threatening to undermine this important initiative. This national dialogue, which began today and includes more than 500 representatives of all Palestinian political parties of both the

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Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority, civil society and the private sector, is being undertaken at a crucial juncture facing the Palestinian people and their leadership amid rising tensions, frustrations and economic, social and humanitarian difficulties resulting from the financial and political isolation being imposed upon them in the aftermath of the January 2006 Legislative Council elections. The aim of the national dialogue is to calm tensions, reinforce national unity and explore ways to address the current critical situation being faced by the Palestinian people and their leadership. Serious efforts should be made by all concerned to encourage and support, rather than to undermine, this important and urgent initiative.

In light of all of the above, it is incumbent upon the international community to take the measures necessary to halt the continued grave deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. The international community must demand that Israel, the occupying Power, cease its military aggression and violations against the Palestinian people and comply with its obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and human rights law. In this regard, it is necessary to recall that the occupying Power has clear duties and obligations under the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, which it is bound to respect and uphold. Such action by the international community is not only in line with its obligations under international law, including the Fourth Geneva Convention, but is also vitally important to allow the encouragement of the forces of dialogue and moderation at this critical time and stem a return to the vicious cycle of violence that has already caused so much suffering, bloodshed and loss.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 242 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 22 May 2006 (A/ES-10/332-S/2006/314), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, I regret to inform you that, since our last letter to you just three days ago, at least five more Palestinian civilians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,867. (The names of the martyrs who have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Feda Abdelhady **Nasser**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

## Annex to the identical letters dated 25 May 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

## Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*

**(Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May 2006)**

**Tuesday, 23 May 2006**

Shehada Ahmed Shehada Muheissen

**Wednesday, 24 May 2006**

1. Milad Abdallah Abu Al-Arayess
2. Aysser Kamal Qassem
3. Ja'afar Khaled Hussain
4. Ghaleb Rabbah Abdel Qader

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,867.

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## Identical letters dated 25 May 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing in reference to the letter dated 5 May 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (A/ES-10/330-S/2006/279) in which he provides names of "martyrs" killed by "Israeli occupying forces".

Our recent experience has revealed that all too often those referred to as Palestinian "martyrs" were actually terrorists on their way to perpetrate suicide bombing attacks, fire Qassam rockets or carry out other forms of brutal terrorism. Without referencing the entire list in the Permanent Observer's letter, allow me, for matters of clarification, to point out one inaccuracy.

Contrary to the letter, Thamer Al-Macheharawi and Khaled Said Sanouna were Palestinian police officers, killed on Tuesday, 2 May 2005, by a stray Qassam rocket, intended for Israeli citizens, which was fired by Palestinian terrorists.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Daniel **Carmon**
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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## Identical letters dated 30 May 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

The situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, continues to deteriorate as a result of the escalation of military attacks and of unlawful punitive measures being carried out by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people. The rising lethal aggression of the occupying Power against the civilian population under its occupation is exacerbating the already tense and volatile conditions, threatening to further destabilize the grave situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

In this regard, the Israeli occupying forces today raided the Gaza Strip, entering the territory on the ground for the first time since the withdrawal from within Gaza in September of 2005, and launched an attack that resulted in the killing of three Palestinian men and one Palestinian police officer, who had rushed to the area with medics. The attack also wounded at least nine other civilians, including an ambulance driver and two journalists. The Israeli occupying forces have also continued to carry out military attacks and killings throughout the West Bank, including in the Balata refugee camp near the city of Nablus and in the town of Qabatiya near the city of Tulkarem. In addition, inter alia, to the daily raids and unlawful arrests and detentions being carried out by the occupying Power, and coming on the heels of the military attack in the centre of the city of Ramallah just days ago, such an escalation in targeted killings and attacks is fuelling the frustrations and anger of the Palestinian civilian population and risks plunging the situation into even greater upheaval and instability.

The international community, including the Security Council, cannot remain silent and must give this intensifying crisis its serious attention, with the aim of bringing an end to the ongoing breaches of international law by Israel, the occupying Power, and of stemming the dangerous descent into another vicious cycle

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of violence. The continuous military attacks and other ongoing grave violations of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, being committed by the occupying Power against the Palestinian people are destabilizing the fragile situation on the ground and deepening the dire humanitarian crisis from which the population is already suffering. The international community must uphold its responsibilities in this regard and take the necessary measures to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease its military aggressions and violations against the Palestinian people and to scrupulously respect all of its obligations under international law.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 243 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 25 May 2006 (A/ES-10/333-S/2006/330), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, I regret to inform you that, in the few days since my last letter to you, at least 13 more Palestinian civilians, including two children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,880. (The names of the martyrs who have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Feda Abdelhady **Nasser**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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## Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*

**(Friday, 26 May to Tuesday, 30 May 2006)**

**Friday, 26 May 2006**

1. Mustafa Shehada Qassem
2. Mohammad Youssef Qassem (18 years old)
3. Arafah Basheer Zarandah (15 years old)

**Monday, 29 May 2006**

1. Ala'a Atef Jabr Hujair (died of wounds sustained on 15 April)
2. Abdel Mu'ti Shakir Al-Err

**Tuesday, 30 May 2006**

1. Tarek Ahmad Zakarnah
2. Omar Abu Raddah (died of wounds sustained on 29 May 2006)
3. Mohammad Khalil Mattar
4. Youssef Abu Mıza
5. Osama Al-Nimri
6. Hanni Al-Saqqa
7. Sabri Abu-Qlaiq
8. Abdel-Rahman Shanab

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,880.